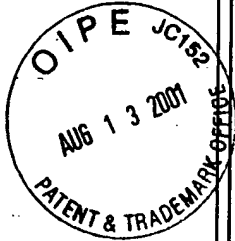


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A check for \$110.00 (Under 37 C.F.R §1.17(a)) is attached.

If any additional fees are required, please notify the undersigned attorney by telephone and charge the additional fees to Deposit Account 02-4300.

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